

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) An active ~~enzyme~~ naturally occurring human lipoprotein associated phospholipase A2 at least 95% pure relative to other protein contaminants, wherein said lipoprotein associated phospholipase A2 ~~enzyme~~ is capable of hydrolyzing the sn-2 ester of an oxidatively modified phosphatidylcholine.

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~enzyme~~ lipoprotein associated phospholipase A2 according to claim 25, having a molecular weight of from about 45 kDa to about 50 kDa and comprising at least one sequence~~feature~~ selected from the following: SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, and 4, 10, or 11.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) An ~~enzyme~~ naturally occurring human lipoprotein associated phospholipase A2 comprising the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides~~nucleic acids~~ 929 to 1018 of SEQ ID NO: 9, which is at least 95% pure relative to other protein contaminants.